



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**March 17, 2004
10:00 a.m.**

**South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Board Room
800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
*www.sfrta.fl.gov***

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Members

**Michael Williams, SFRTA
Jose Mesa, Miami-Dade MPO
Jennifer Schaufele, Broward MPO
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO
Ruby Hemingway-Adams, MDT
Michael Ronskavitz, BCT
Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Gustavo Schmidt, FDOT, District IV
Nancy Ziegler, FDOT, District IV
Gary Donn, FDOT, District VI
Carolyn Dekle, SFRPC
Michael Busha, TCRPC**

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
OF MARCH 17, 2004

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., and will be held in the Board Room of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Administrative Offices, 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – Persons wishing to address the Committee are requested to complete an “Appearance Card” and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see the Minutes Clerk prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
Those matters included under the Consent Agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require review or discussion. Items will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by any Committee Member, however, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

C1 – **MOTION TO APPROVE:** Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of January 21, 2004

C2 – **MOTION TO APPROVE:** Revised 2004 Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

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Those matters included under the Regular Agenda differ from the Consent Agenda in that items will be voted on individually. In addition, presentations will be made on each motion, if so desired.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS
Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

I1. – **INFORMATION:** Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) Update

I2. – **INFORMATION:** Central Broward East-West Transit Analysis Update

I3. – **INFORMATION:** Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) Corridor Update

MONTHLY REPORTS
Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

OTHER BUSINESS

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2004

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 in the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Board Room, 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade MPO - Alternate
Jennifer Schaufele, Broward MPO
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO
Ruby Hemingway-Adams, Miami-Dade Transit
Contondra Noye, Broward County Transit - Alternate
John Krane, FDOT District IV
David Korros, FDOT District VI
Terry Hess, TCRPC – Alternate
Michael Williams, SFRTA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Nancy Ziegler, FDOT District IV

ALSO PRESENT:

Teresa Moore, General Counsel, SFRTA
Gerry Gawaldo, Palm Tran
Lloyd Robinson, FDOT District IV
Christina Miskis, SFRPC
Julia Trevarthen, SFRPC
Ella Gilbert, SFRTA
Marcia Williams, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

Mr. Williams moved for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Williams called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried unanimously.

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There were no consent agenda items.

REGULAR AGENDA

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R1. – MOTION TO APPROVE: Election of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee Officers

Mr. Williams mentioned that when the SFRTA Board approved the Committee make up it was stated that the Vice-Chair would be the SFRTA representative unless the SFRTA representative is elected Chair. Mr. Williams opened the floor to appoint a Chair.

Mr. Robinson moved a motion to nominate Mr. Whitfield as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hess.

Mr. Williams called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, Mr. Williams declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whitfield thanked the Committee for electing him as Chair.

Mr. Williams turned the meeting over to the Chair.

R2. – MOTION TO APPROVE: Proposed 2004 Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Mr. Gawaldo moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Korros.

The Chair mentioned that according to the By-laws the agendas shall be provided to each committee member not less than four (4) calendar days prior to the meeting; the chair noted he would like the agenda to be sent out a few days earlier.

The Chair called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS
Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

I1. INFORMATION: South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Legislation

The Chair called for questions or comments, upon hearing none, the Chair moved to the next item.

I2. INFORMATION: Planning Technical Advisory Committee Purpose and Scope

Ms. Schaufele stated that the language in the last paragraph of the agenda item report needs to be modified to: 1) Long-Range Transportation Improvement Program (LRTP) should read Long-Range Transportation Plan. 2) Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP) should read Transportation Improvement Programs.

Mr. Fernandez inquired on how the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) envisions the land-use component process being integrated with transportation planning.

Mr. Williams replied by stating that the SFRTA is still exploring how best to integrate land-use and transportation planning with the respective agencies in an effort to develop a better transportation system. Mr. Williams also stated that the role of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) is to provide technical planning guidance to the SFRTA Board. Mr. Williams added that the PTAC will have to provide some guidance to the SFRTA Board on this issue.

Ms. Trevarthen stated that South Florida needs to integrate land-use to lead to better transportation and higher ridership. The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) is working with SFRTA to help support the process.

The Chair called for any further questions or comments, upon hearing none the Chair moved to the next item.

I3. INFORMATION: South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Advisory Committees By-laws

Mr. Korros inquired about the procedure for calling a Special Meeting as defined in the By-laws.

Ms. Moore explained that a special meeting could be called by the Chair by having a majority vote less one member. Ms. Moore also informed the Committee that South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) is in the process of updating the Rules and Procedures as a guideline for the By-laws.

Mr. Krane noted that in accordance with the By-laws a roll call has to be done at all future meetings.

The Chair acknowledged his comments and mentioned that a roll call will be done at future meetings.

The Chair called for further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, the Chair moved to the next item.

14. INFORMATION: Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Schaufele stated that the Federal and State Government are expecting the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to develop the plans, however the language in the last paragraph of the agenda item report indicates that the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) is taking on that role.

The Chair confirmed that the MPOs are to develop their Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) with the inclusion of regional projects and, the regional component of the LRTP will address regional projects.

Mr. Williams stated that SFRTA is not trying to take on the MPO's role, but working with the MPOs to ensure regional corridors and project prioritization are included in the LRTPs.

Mr. Robinson referred to the letter attached as Exhibit 1 of the agenda item report stating that the MPOs want to remain separate. Mr. Robinson added that the creation of the regional component of the LRTP is to prioritize regional projects, coordination of regional public involvement and performance measurements are being addressed by the three (3) MPOs in their respective LRTP 2030 update.

Mr. Fernandez understands that while some projects have a regional focus others pertain directly to individual counties. Mr. Fernandez added that the SFRTA participates in all of the MPOs' LRTP steering committee meetings and also that Miami-Dade MPO welcomes the SFRTA's role in advancing regional projects.

Ms. Schaufele stated that the SFRTA would participate in the three (3) counties LRTP Steering Committees to collectively drive the prioritization process. Ms. Schaufele continued stating that everyone will be participating as equal partners.

Mr. Williams stated that it is envisioned that one of the roles of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) is to advise the SFRTA Board on the prioritization of regional corridors and to endorse the regional components of the respective LRTPs.

Mr. Fernandez inquired about the treatment of regional projects by SFRTA, and the integration of funding requests into the MPOs process. Mr. Fernandez stated that the regional projects should be interwoven into the MPOs processes.

The Chair inquired about the process for identifying regional projects.

Ms. Ruby Hemingway-Adams inquired if the definition of a regional project has changed.

The Chair stated that the previous Regional Transportation Organization (RTO) South Florida Transit Analysis Study defined regional projects as projects that cross county lines or connect directly to the SFRTA/Tri-Rail system.

Mr. Robinson stated that we need to develop a definition beyond what was defined by the previous RTO. Mr. Robinson added that the aim is to get SFRTA Board level approval of a definition for regional projects.

Ms. Hemingway-Adams stated that the definition contained in the South Florida Transit Analysis Study has not been approved by the SFRTA Board.

Mr. Fernandez mentioned that he agrees that the definition needs to be approved by the SFRTA Board, and reminded the Committee that formulating the definition was a long process due to the difficulty of a balanced criteria.

Mr. Williams stated that SFRTA/Tri-Rail is one component of a regional system, and that the region should be looking to develop a transit network system that will provide a greater mobility option for the region.

Ms. Hemingway-Adams asked if it is the Committee's intent to formulate a definition of regional planning and take it to the SFRTA Board.

Mr. Williams stated that part of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) planning process would be to revise the definition of regional project.

Mr. Korros stated that the three (3) MPOs should be the common element for the formulation of the regional project definition.

Mr. Williams stated that the SFRTA Board is looking for guidance from this Committee, and suggested that the MPO staff may want to consider a Long Range Plan update to the PTAC and then the PTAC will report those efforts to the SFRTA Board.

Mr. Robinson stated that the MPOs did not want to integrate PTAC efforts with the LRTP update. Mr. Robinson added that the MPOs wanted a separate forum for the LRTP update. As such, the MPOs created a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Committee (RLRTPC).

Mr. Williams responded affirmatively and recommended that the RLRTPC Chair reports to the PTAC Chair.

The Chair stated that the MPOs will have to coordinate the reporting process. The Chair remarked that he chairs both the PTAC and RLRTPC Committees.

Ms. Schaufele felt that the PTAC should be feeding into the RLRTPC to get approval of regional projects.

Ms. Hemingway-Adams referred back to the definition of regional projects because it needs to be revised before the RLRTPC can move forward.

The Chair suggested that the definition of a regional project be revised and placed on the next PTAC meeting agenda.

Ms. Noye would like the existing criteria of regional projects be attached with the revised definition in the next PTAC agenda.

Mr. Fernandez agreed with Ms. Hemingway-Adams that the definition is important.

Ms. Schaufele suggested that the PTAC should establish the definition of regional projects and make recommendation on corridors that meet these criteria. The PTAC will inform the RLRTPC, who will then inform the MPOs.

Mr. Korros asked if the SFRTA Board will have to endorse resolutions as to the definition of regional projects.

Ms. Noye inquired about the possibility of one of the MPOs not agreeing to the definition of regional projects.

Ms. Schaufele pointed out that the revised definition of regional projects will need to go the MPOs for approval.

Ms. Noye inquired about what mechanism would be in place if any agency decides to change the definition of a regional project.

Ms. Trevarthan mentioned that policy direction and procedures need to be in place. Ms. Trevarthan indicated that the PTAC needs to identify corridors that are regional using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and tools to help illustrate policies.

Mr. Fernandez suggested that the PTAC needs to quickly resolve the definition of regional projects and create a Sub-Committee.

Mr. Robinson indicated that staffing was necessary for this effort. Mr. Robinson also stated that consultants were used for the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Ms. Trevarthan mentioned that once the definition is revised, the projects will be prioritized.

The Chair appointed a Sub-Committee to review the definition of regional projects. The Chair appointed the following persons as part of the Sub-Committee: Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade MPO; Angela Morlok, Palm Beach MPO; Terry Hess, TCRPC; Jonathan Roberson, SFRTA; Catondra Noye, BCT and Julia Trevarthan, SFRPC. The Chair directed the Sub-Committee to meet within the next 3-4 weeks.

Ms. Schaufele felt that it was not necessary to hold a meeting, but rather the Sub-Committee should communicate via e-mail. Ms. Schaufele encouraged the members to exchange e-mail addresses at the end of the meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any more comments.

Ms. Hemingway-Adams mentioned that when reviewing the definition of a regional project, the Sub-Committee needs to keep in mind regional projects like the Consumer Information Network (CIN). Ms. Hemmingway-Adams stated such projects should not be removed from the definition.

Mr. Krane mentioned the need to identify the regional network and contribution of each PTAC representative to the definition of regional projects.

Mr. Hess mentioned that since the definition was created under the RTO, Wilson Fernandez and Angela Morlok could send out copies of the definition of regional projects to the Sub-Committee members and they can modify it accordingly.

Mr. Fernandez noted that everyone's concept of regional projects is very different and it is a complex issue to address.

The Chair announced that the PTAC and the PTAC Sub-Committees are now active.

OTHER BUSINESS

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING: MARCH 17, 2004

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

☒ Consent ☐ Regular ☐ Public Hearing

REVISED 2004 PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULE

REQUESTED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE: Revised 2004 Meeting Schedule of Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC).

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

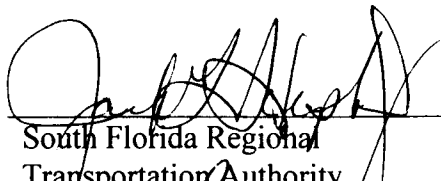
At the January 21, 2004 PTAC Meeting, the Committee approved the meeting schedule as recommended by staff. The committee will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. As such, staff revised the meeting schedule to accurately reflect the dates on which committee meetings will be held. Specifically, the September meeting date was corrected from September 22, 2004 to September 15, 2004 to reflect the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Additionally, the chair asked staff to try and mail out agenda packages prior to the required four (4) calendar days as stated in the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) By-Laws. In an effort to accommodate the Chair's request, staff has revised the date when PTAC Agenda Items are due to SFRTA.

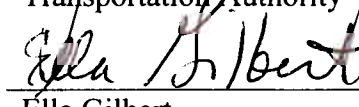
Staff has drafted a revised meeting schedule and agenda item due date to accommodate bi-monthly meetings and seeks approval of the revised meeting schedule.

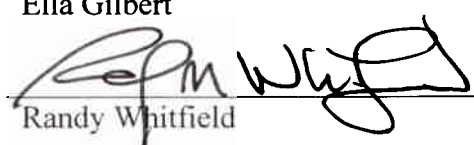
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Exhibit 1 – Revised 2004 PTAC Meeting Schedule

REVISED 2004 PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULE

Agency:  3/9/04
South Florida Regional
Transportation Authority Date

Project Manager:  3-8-04
Ella Gilbert Date

Chair:  3-8-04
Randy Whitfield Date

PTAC Action:

Approved: _____ Yes _____ No

Vote: _____ Unanimous

Amended Motion:



PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)

REVISED 2004 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| January 21 st , 2004
<i>Agenda Items due to SFRTA
by Jan 8</i> | - 10:00 am |
| March 17 th , 2004
<i>Agenda Items due to SFRTA
by Feb 27</i> | - 10:00 am |
| May 19 th , 2004
<i>Agenda Items due to SFRTA
by Apr 28</i> | - 10:00 am |
| July 21 st , 2004
<i>Agenda Items due to SFRTA
by Jun 29</i> | - 10:00 am |
| September 15 th , 2004
<i>Agenda Items due to SFRTA
by Aug 25</i> | - 10:00 am |
| November 17 th , 2004
<i>Agenda Items due to SFRTA
by Oct 27</i> | - 10:00 am |

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING : MARCH 17, 2004

REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

☒ Information Item ☐ Presentation

REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:


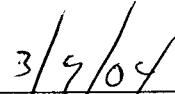
At the SFRTA's January 21, 2004 Planning and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) Meeting, the Chair appointed a Sub-Committee to review and provide recommendations to the Committee on the definition of a regional transit project. The Committee agreed that the definition of a regional transit project was needed and should be reviewed by the MPOs Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Committee and eventually adopted by the SFRTA Board of Directors.

Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Transportation Systems Manager with the Miami-Dade County MPO, was appointed to Chair the PTAC Regional Transit Project Definition Subcommittee. Exhibit 1 provides a summary of a potential approach to developing the definition of a regional transit project. The Sub-Committee chair is prepared to provide a status update.

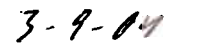
EXHIBIT ATTACHED: Exhibit 1 – PTAC Regional Subcommittee Email

REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Agency:


South Florida Regional
Transportation Authority
Date

Project Manager:


Jonathan Roberson
Date

Chair:

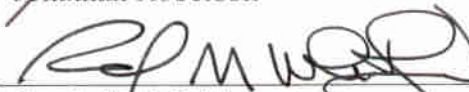
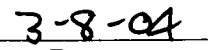

Randy Whitfield
Date

EXHIBIT 1**Roberson Jonathan**

From: Fernandez, Wilson (MPO) [WILSON@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2004 7:05 PM
To: cnoye@broward.org; juliat@sfrpc.com; ggawaldo@co.palm-beach.fl.us; thess@tcrpc.org; Roberson Jonathan; amorlok@co.palm-beach.fl.us; lloyd.robinson@dot.state.fl.us
Cc: Mesa, Jose (MPO); Williams Mike; rwhitfie@co.palm-beach.fl.us
Subject: PTAC "Regional" Subcommittee

At its initial meeting, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) created a subcommittee to address the issue of redefining the "regional" project criteria. Previous work on this issue had been completed under the RTO. The "regional" project criteria was defined basically as "a project or route crossing county boundaries or providing improved direct connectivity to Tri-Rail." The PTAC felt the definition may need to be further refined based on multimodal, social, economic and land use considerations.

The SFRTA is in acknowledgement of PTAC's Subcommittee work related to the redefining "regional". As such, we are now prepared to undertake this important task.

The following PTAC members have expressed interest to participate in this PTAC Subcommittee.

- o Wilson Fernandez (Miami-Dade MPO)
- o Jonathan Roberson (SFRTA)
- o Angela Morlok (Palm Beach MPO)
- o Lloyd Robinson (FDOT-4)
- o Catondra Noye (BCT)
- o Gerald Gawaldo (Palm Tran)
- o Terry Hess (TCRPC)
- o Julia Trevarthen (SFRPC)

I hope that you have been given this issue some thought since PTAC meeting and, are ready and eager to contribute your thoughts. Recognizing there are countless of ways to approach this issue, let me offer the following methodology as a way to get things started. If each member would provide their own perspective as to the weaknesses (and/or strengths) related to the old "regional" criteria, I would then compile this information and present it at our next PTAC meeting. This data can serve as the basis from which to evaluate refinements to the definition. At a minimum, it will certainly stimulate a group discussion.

Members may also supplement their responses by identifying projects within their respective areas which are considered (subjectively) or seem to be "regional". Thus, we could back into a definition by examining the common characteristics of those identified projects.

I will be very appreciative if you can gather your thoughts on this issue and send (email) them my way. Please keep in mind that the next PTAC meeting is scheduled for March 17 and I would want to present something by then for discussion purposes.

Thank you for volunteering. I look forward to working with you.

3/3/2004

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING : MARCH 17, 2004

INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

☐ Information Item

☒ Presentation

CENTRAL BROWARD EAST-WEST TRANSIT ANALYSIS UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The *Central Broward East/West Transit Analysis* is being led by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4 Office. The goal of this Alternatives Analysis is to examine the feasibility of establishing premium transit service on a key east/west corridor of Central Broward County in order to enhance mobility and accessibility for the public, relieve heavy traffic congestion from surrounding local roads and interstate highways and connect residents to major activity centers and employment.

The Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has identified the need to examine a countywide network of premium transit, rapid bus, and local bus services in its 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan. The MPO approved the funding for this study after reviewing the recently-completed I-95/I-595 Master Plan Study, which recommended an Alternatives Analysis as the next stage for analyzing the corridor in more detail and therefore making any potential project eligible for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts funding.

As part of the Alternatives Analysis, the Study Team is examining the appropriate alignments, technologies and land use issues relevant to supporting premium transit in the corridor. The Study Team is currently involved in an extensive public involvement process to receive technical and community input from all interests. Some of the issues being considered during the study include key destinations served, connectivity with existing and proposed transit systems, effect on roadway congestion, costs and economic impacts, environmental issues, ridership and travel time savings, station design and locations, and linkages between transit and land use.

The Alternatives Analysis study will conclude in June 2004 with the selection of a Locally-Preferred Alternative (LPA) by the Broward MPO which will define the recommended alignment, transit technology, possible station locations, potential financial scenarios and potential operators.


The Study Team is seeking guidance from members of PTAC regarding the western portion of the preferred alignment.

Scott Seeburger, Project Manager from FDOT Dist. 4 and Joe Yesbeck, Consultant Project Manager with Carter Burgess, both members of the Study Team, will be providing an update on the project.


EXHIBIT ATTACHED: Exhibit 1 – Central Broward East-West Transit Tier 2 Evaluation Results

CENTRAL BROWARD EAST-WEST TRANSIT ANALYSIS UPDATE

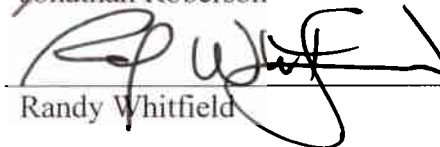
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Central Broward East-West Transit Analysis

Tier 2 Evaluation Results

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

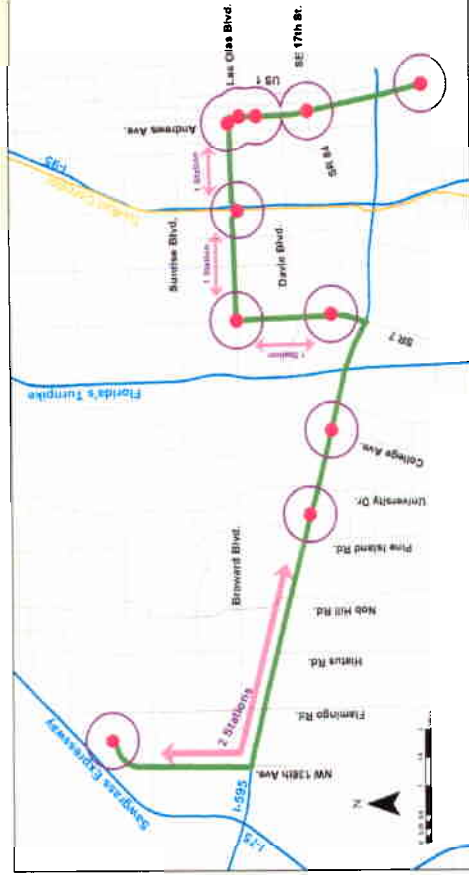
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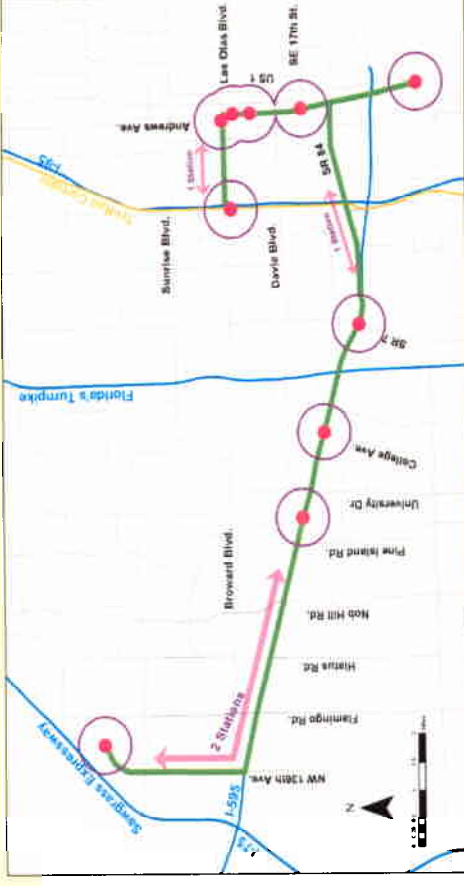
PROJECT GOALS

- Maximize potential ridership
- Minimize cost (capital & operating)
- New Starts eligibility
- System Connectivity
- Maximize service to low income & minority communities and people with disabilities
- Promote economic development
- Minimize potential for environmental impact

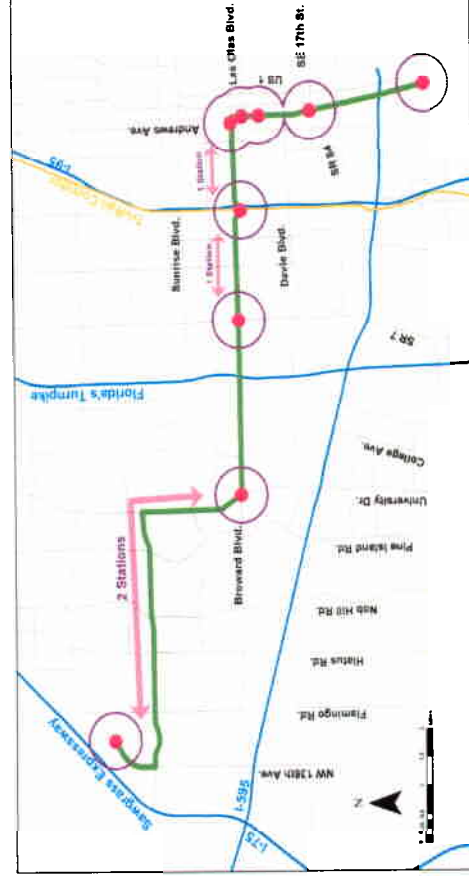
Alignment 1. I-595/SR7/Broward



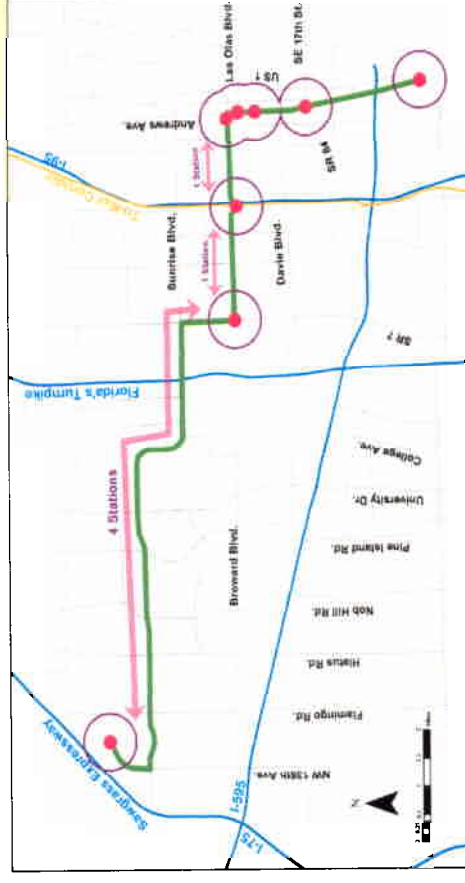
Alignment 2. I-595/SR84



Alignment 3. Sunrise/University/Broward



Alignment 4. Sunrise/SR7/Broward



Tier 2 Alignments

Recommended Alignment

Alignment 1: I-595/SR 7/Broward

- New Starts Eligible
- Serve All Major Destinations
- Addresses East-West Mobility
- Consistent with LRTP, Transit Bridge
- Supports Economic Development
- Allows Phased Implementation

Alignment Considerations

- Alignment 2
 - No Tri-Rail connection at SR 84
 - More difficult access to Transit Bridge
 - Inefficient connections to airport
 - No or limited service on SR 7
 - Two crossings over the FEC RR

Alignment Considerations

- **Alignments 3 and 4**
 - No access to South Florida Educational Center
 - Difficult to achieve operational improvement in shared lane
 - Elevated structure likely to have significant neighborhood opposition
 - Taking an existing lane for exclusive transit use may not be acceptable in terms of traffic operations
 - Without an exclusive lane or structure; BRT would not be eligible for New Starts
- **Alignment 4**
 - No access to Plantation Midtown District

Project Objective

Alignments:

- 595/SR7

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Alignment

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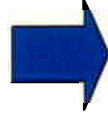
Technology

Technologies:

- BRT
- LRT



LPA



LPA + Financing Strategy



Implementation Plan

BRT

Alternatives

- Capital Costs:
 - \$116m - \$456m
- Operating Costs:
 - \$7 – 8 million/year
- Projected Ridership:
 - 12,000 – 18,000
- Maximum Capacity:
 - 25,000

LRT

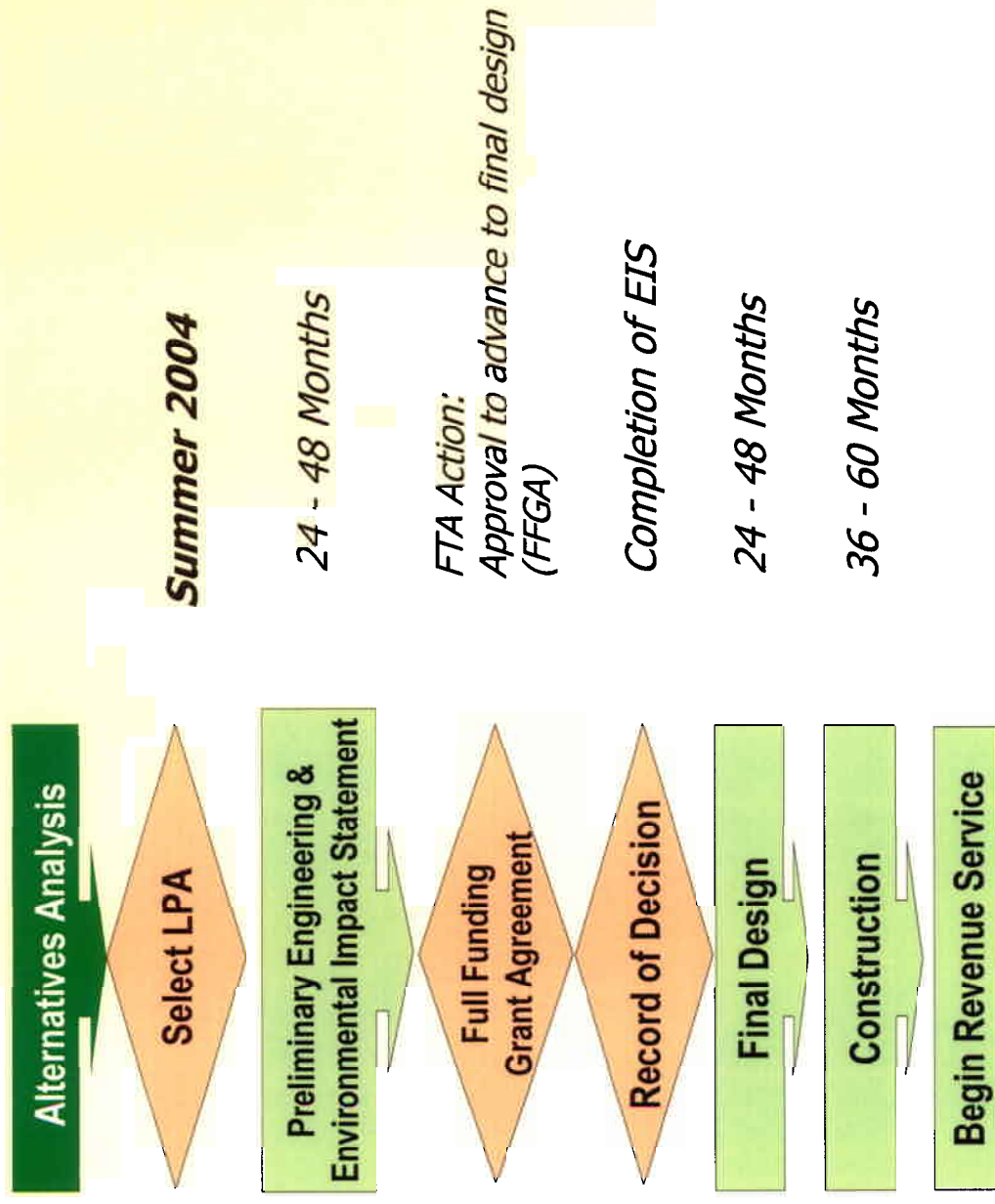
Alternatives

- Capital Costs:
 - \$492m - \$900m
- Operating Costs:
 - \$14 – 16 million/year
- Projected Ridership:
 - 15,000 – 20,000
- Maximum Capacity:
 - 37,000

Next Steps

- **MPO Meeting: March 18**
- **FINANCIAL WORKSHOP: APRIL**
 - Local match for capital
 - Dedicated revenue source for operating funds
 - Operating Costs
 - Sponsoring (Operating) Agency
 - SFRTA
 - BCt
- **Definition of LPA (Alignment + Technology)**
- **Adoption of LPA into Long-Range Transportation Plan: June - July**

Long-Range Schedule



Transit Technologies

Bus Rapid Transit

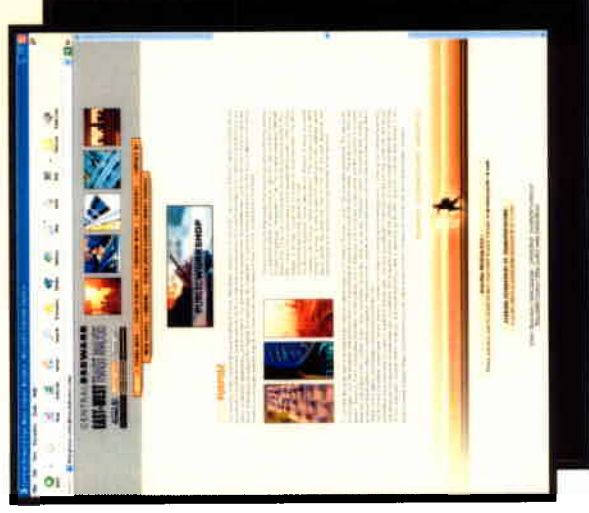


Light Rail Transit



Public Involvement Activities

- 25+ Stakeholder Meetings
- Scoping Meetings
- Tier 1 Public Workshop
- MPO Presentations
- Project Website
- Project Newsletters
- HOA Meetings
- Project Display



SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING : MARCH 17, 2004

INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

☒ Information Item ☐ Presentation

FEC CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND


The enactment of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) provides for the coordination of regionally significant projects. As such, in September 2003, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) staff contacted Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) to participate in the MDT *Northeast Corridor Alternative Analysis/DEIS/FEIS Study* and to explore the possibility of expanding the study limits into Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The request was made in an effort to develop a regional approach to studying the implementation of premium transit on the FEC Corridor (defined as the alignment that follows the linear geography of the FEC right-of-way in all three counties, Biscayne Boulevard in Miami-Dade County and Dixie Highway in Broward and Palm Beach Counties).

Additionally, in September 2003, the SFRTA staff requested participation and financial contribution from the Broward and Palm Beach County MPOs in order to assist with the possible financing of the expanded Northeast Corridor Study. It was envisioned that a scope for the expanded study would be developed and negotiated by the MPOs and the SFRTA.

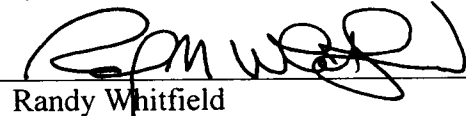
An Alternatives Analysis Study would include the identification of priority segments of the corridor based on costs and cost-effectiveness, ease of implementation, system operational factors and other considerations leading to the minimal operating segments and segment implementation priorities. Public and stakeholder involvement would facilitate the development and screening of alternatives including: projected capital improvement costs, project operating and maintenance costs, ridership projections, bus and rail interfacing plans, travel time and mobility improvements. A variety of alternatives (modes) would be analyzed including Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail, Heavy Rail and Commuter Rail technologies.

SFRTA staff continues to discuss strategies with the MPOs of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties in an effort to formulate, fund and move forward with a regional Alternative Analysis Study of this very important corridor. In addition, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has also expressed interest in assisting with a regional study of the corridor.

FEC CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

Agency:  3/9/04
South Florida Regional
Transportation Authority Date

Project Manager:  3-9-04
Jonathan Roberson Date

Chair:  3-8-04
Randy Whitfield Date